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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of

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AMENDMENT/REPLY TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

| Encl | osed is a reply for the above-identified patent application. | | | | | |
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| [X] | A Petition for Extension of Time is also enclosed. | | | | | |
| [] | A Terminal Disclaimer and a check for [] \$55.00 (248) [] \$110.00 (148) to cover the requisite Government fee are also enclosed. | | | | | |
| [] | Also enclosed is | | | | | |
| [] | Small entity status is hereby claimed. | | | | | |
| [] | Applicant(s) request continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the [] \$370.00 (279) [] \$740.00 (179) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e). | | | | | |
| | [] Applicant(s) previously submitted, on, for which continued examination is requested. | | | | | |
| [] | Applicant(s) request suspension of action by the Office until at least _, which does not exceed three months from the filing of this RCE, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c). The required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed. | | | | | |
| [] | A Request for Entry and Consideration of Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a) (146/246) is also enclosed. | | | | | |
| [] | No additional claim fee is required. | | | | | |

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[X] An additional claim fee is required, and is calculated as shown below:

| | | AMENDED | CLAIMS | 8 | |
|---|------------------|---|-----------------|-------------------|---------------|
| | No. OF CLAIMS | HIGHEST NO. OF CLAIMS PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR | EXTRA CLAIMS | RATE | ADDT'L FEE |
| Total Claims | 21 | MINUS 20 = | 1 | × \$18.00 (103) = | \$18.00 |
| Independent Claims | 1 | MINUS 3 = | 0 | × \$84.00 (102) = | 0 |
| If Amendment adds m | ultiple depende | ent claims, add \$280 | 0.00 (104) | | |
| Total Amendment Fee | | | | | 0 |
| If small entity status is | claimed, subt | ract 50% of Total A | mendment Fe | e | |
| TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE DUE FOR THIS AMENDMENT | | | | | \$18.00 |

| [X | | A claim fee in | the amount of \$_ | 18.00 | is enclosed. |
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| [|] | Charge \$ | to Deposit | Account No | . 02-4800. |

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17, 1.20(d) and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

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